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SUBJ: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN (GAINES, MYRA GAIL AKA
CHRISTINE THOMPSON, BORN NOVEMBER 5, 1955, MESA,
ARIZONA)

1. CALGARY POLICE HAVE INFORMED US THAT MYRA GAINES WAS STABBED TO DEATH BY AN UNKNOWN ASSAILANT PROBABLY IN THE EARLY HOURS OF SEPTEMBER 10 IN HER CALGARY APARTMENT. NEXT OF KIN, PARENTS, MR. AND MRS. JIM GAINES, 2217 NORTH 71 54335, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA, HAVE BEEN INFORMED. THE BODY IS BEING HELD IN THE CITY MORGUE PENDING POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO ARIZONA. POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE MURDER BUT NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

2. A THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD OF MYRA GAINES, JENNIFER THOMPSON, APPARENTLY BORN IN CALIFORNIA, HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY THE ALBERTA SOCIAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFICE. THE SOCIAL WORKER IN CHARGE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MR. AND MRS. GAINES, THE GRANDPARENTS, WHO DESIRE CUSTODY OF AENNIFER. A HOME STUDY HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM THE ARIZONA STATE WELFARE OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO THE GAINES AND A CUSTODY HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE ALBERTA FAMILY COURT IN CALGARY AT 9:30 A.M. SEPTEMBER 28.

3. CONGEN WILL ISSUE A REPORT OF DEATH ABROAD WHEN ALL NECESSARY DATA AVAILABLE, AND WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF RESULTS OF SEPTEMBER 28 CUSTODY HEARING.

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